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BE FEARLESS.

The investigation into the case of the chief of police will open to-night. The public will wait in grim silence to see what will be the outcome.
No intelligent and public-spirited citizen will be content with anything which does not go to the root of the trouble.

THE TIMES lays down this proposition and is prepared to demonstrate it: The chief of police is not the only one at fault. The general ordinances provide proper safeguards to protect the city's finances, and there is an official whose duty it is to see that the city's revenues are placed in the proper hands.

Gentlemen of the investigating committee, do your duty plainly and fearlessly. If you find an offense, strike the offender.

THE PASSING OF A CRAZE.

More clearly than ever are the signs which point out that the Farmers' Alliance craze is on its last legs. Last year it was heralded with a flourish of trumpets that the Alliance had carried the Georgia legislature. Well, an organization known as the Farmer's Alliance carried the Democratic primaries and sent to the legislature Democrats who were supposed to be in sympathy with the Ocala platform.

Gov. Gordon was elected to the Senate, however, over pronounced adherents of the extreme Alliance movement, and signs became visible that strong conservative influences were at work. The telling stroke came yesterday, when a resolution indorsing the Ocala platform was fairly and squarely defeated.

Under sober second thought the average citizen is unwilling to see carried into politics any proposition which does not appeal naturally to his sober business sense. The farmer is more interested than any other citizen in having his personal business of raising and marketing his crops carefully let alone by the government.

A STRANGE FAILURE.

The failure of S. V. White & Co., the well-known Wall street firm, bears a commentary on its face. Mr. White is a native of North Carolina, a self-made man of sterling abilities and honest mind. He accumulated a large fortune in Wall street by a series of operations, bold in plan and brilliant in execution.

Yet in spite of his successes the firm goes unexpectedly to the wall from a slump in the corn market in the midst of an extensive and irrepressible bull movement.

It is a queer commentary on human judgment that the man who engineered the great Lackawanna deal a decade ago should be swamped by a slight turn in the corn market.

To Play Ball in Lynchburg.

The base ball team will probably go to Lynchburg to play Friday and Saturday at that place. The only drawback at present is the absence of a pitcher. Michael has been set down on by his guardian, who objects to him playing ball, and Saunderson cannot get away from his work at the West End Furnace. It is thought, however, that Michael's guardian can be induced to come around for the redemption of that home team, and that the boys will certainly go to Lynchburg Friday and Saturday.

The Federation of Labor.

The Federation of Labor held its regular meeting in Union Hall last night. Very little business came up before the Federation, except the visitation of the delegates from the Brewers' Union. It was decided that a called meeting be held on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 8 o'clock, when the picnic committee will make a final report.

Too Transparent.

A recruit was brought up for medical inspection, and the doctor asked him: "Have you any defects?" "Yes, sir; I am shortsighted." "How can you prove it?" "Easily enough, doctor. Do you see that nail up yonder in the wall?" "Yes." "Well I don't."—Motto Per Ridere.

A New Heating Process.

Traveler—You don't seem to have any stoves or furnaces in this large hotel, and yet the rooms are warm.
Landlord—Yes; you see I'm troubled so with book agents who can't pay their bills, that I keep the clerk and the colored cook constantly firing them.—Light.

Ossified.

Potter—Yes, sir; that man is a hypocrite, if there ever was one. While professing the warmest friendship for me, he was for a whole year stabbing me in the back, and I never knew it.
Irwin—Goodness gracious! What kind of a back have you got?—Jury.

An Unfair Advantage.

"How is your uncle coming on?" asked Gilhooly of Hostetter McGinnis. "Very poorly, indeed. He is now being treated by three doctors."
"That's cowardly. What chance has one man got against three?"—Texas Siftings.

Her Own.

"You know Prof. Henpeck? He's a master of fifteen tongues."
"Yes, and I know his wife, who cannot master one."—Light.

A HEAVY LOAD.



Fat Man—Conductor, put me off at Twenty-second street.
Conductor—What do you take me for—a derrick?—Once a Week.

Intense Realism.

"The curtain falls as the burglars are heard sawing the bars, and Ethel, the heroine, rings the district-telegraph alarm for help."

"What happens then?"
"Ten years elapse, and as the curtain rises the messenger boy arrives."—Judge.

He Had to Pay for It.

"Where did you get that handsome watch, Brown?"
"Oh, it was given to me."
"Why, you're a mighty lucky fellow."
"I don't know about that. You see it was my wife that gave it to me."—Saturday Evening Herald.

A Crushing Answer.

Uncle James—What, smoking again, Tommy? Don't you know that no smoker ever grows tall?

Tommy—They don't, eh? Well, just look at that chimney. It smokes like sixty, and papa's just had it made six feet taller.—Munsey's Weekly.

Covering It Up.

"You had boy, you have made a grease spot on the new sofa with your bread and butter," said Mrs. Fizzletop to her son Johnny.

"Never mind, ma, you can sit on it when there is company in the parlor."—Texas Siftings.

This Frightened Him.

"After we are married, George," she said sweetly, "and you come home from your work, you can sit and read to me through the long winter evenings."

And now she wonders why he insisted on breaking the engagement.—Munsey's Weekly.

Musical Item.

"How beautifully your daughter plays," said Mrs. Peterby.
The music ceased at that moment. The door opened and a German professor said: "Before I finishes tuning dot piano I want mine tollar and a half."—Texas Siftings.

Wanted It Cheap.

Poet—I should like this little poem to appear in the flower.

Editor—If I can't pay you for it, but I tell you what you can do; get some other editor to buy it, and I'll copy it from his paper.—Munsey's Weekly.

What Did She Mean?

Miss Richly—When one is wealthy as I am, it is hard to decide whether a lover wishes to marry for the money or for one's self.

Miss Caustique—In your case, dear, there is no room for doubt.—Jury.

The Phantom Lady.

"Cornelia is a widow, now."
"I hadn't heard of her husband's death."

"She married Lord Bancastle, you know, and it seems that title has been extinct for sixty years."—Life.

One Reason.

Angry Father—How was it, young man, that I saw you kissing my daughter in the hall last night?

Young Man—I suppose, sir, because you happened to be around just at the right time.—Jury.

No Use for Eyes.

She (at the theater)—That blind man in the next row seems to be enjoying the play as well as the rest of us.
He (seated behind a high hat)—Yes, just about, just about.—Good News.

Witty, Yet a Pickpocket.

Amiable Citizen—Little chilly this morning, my friend.
Friend (nipping the citizen's watch)—Yes, yes it is indeed. Quite nippy.—Peck's Sun.

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OF NEW YORK.

CONDENSED STATEMENT—JANUARY 1, 1891.

Assets	\$10,750,334.21
Reserve for Policies, N. Y. Standard 1 per cent. and all liabilities	271,312.50
New Insurance	10,382,423.00
Outstanding Insurance	43,867,385.00
Paid Policy-Holders in 1890	1,289,065.33
Paid Policy-Holders since Organization	19,188,554.50
Income, 1890	2,555,444.05

ASSETS INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

Loans Secured by Mortgages on Real Estate, First Liens	\$8,978,992.92
New York City Bonds	271,312.50
Brooklyn Water Bonds	144,000.00
Richmond (Va.) Bonds	10,380.00
Loans to Policy-Holders on Company's Policies	277,529.53
Collateral Loans	7,500.00
Real Estate, Cost Value	515,175.26
Cash in Bank and Trust Companies	125,293.19
Interest Accrued, Premiums Deferred and in Transit, etc.	460,590.70
	\$10,750,334.21

The Thirty-first Annual Statement of THE WASHINGTON is a strong one and has this remarkable feature—it shows the bond and mortgage investments to be 83.21 per cent. of the total assets. These mortgages, amounting to \$8,978,992.92, nearly \$9,000,000, an increase during the year of \$744,000, are first liens on real estate valued at \$17,500,000.

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The Company's income in 1890 for premiums, interest, etc., was \$2,555,444.05, and its assets at the close of the year were \$10,750,334.21, a gain during the year of \$716,965.

The sums paid to policy-holders since organization, together with the invested assets held for the protection of policies, aggregate more than \$30,000,000.

The various items comprising the assets of the company are taken at their intrinsic worth, are not held in the hope of a possible rise, nor are they of a character liable to fall suddenly below their standard value. The substantial nature of its invested funds, its settled methods in the lines of careful and economical management, and the abiding and controlling determination to make the Policy-holders' Company, render it easily demonstrable that THE WASHINGTON, though not the largest, is THE BEST COMPANY.

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